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## HOME (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

### NOTIFICATION

The 26th April, 2023

No.3870-EC-CON-EVM-0003/2023/Elec.- The following direction issued by Election Commission of India, New Delhi is hereby republished in the Extraordinary Issue of *Odisha Gazette* for general information.

By Order,

NIKUNJA BIHARI DHAL

Chief Electoral Officer

## ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

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No.576/3/EVM/2023/SDR-Vol.-II

Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2023  
Vaisakha 4, 1945

## DIRECTION

No.576/3/EVM/2023/SDR-Vol.-II:- Whereas, Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, provides that the giving and recording of votes by voting machines in such manner as may be prescribed, may be adopted in such constituency or constituencies as the Election Commission of India may, having regard to the circumstances of each case, specify;

2. Whereas, as per the proviso to Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, a printer with a drop box of such design, as may be approved by the Election Commission of India, may also be attached to voting machine for printing a paper trail of the vote, in such constituency or constituencies or parts thereof as the Election Commission of India may direct;

3. Whereas, the Election Commission has considered the circumstances in **bye-elections in 04-Jalandhar (SC) Parliamentary Constituency in Punjab, 07-Jharsuguda Assembly Constituency of Odisha, 395-Chhanbey (SC) & 34-Suar Assembly Constituencies of Uttar Pradesh and 23-Sohiong (ST) Assembly Constituency of Meghalaya** announced vide the Election Commission's Press Note No. **ECI/PN/25/2023 dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023** and is satisfied that sufficient number of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Printers for printing Paper Trail [Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT)] are available for taking the poll in the above said Parliamentary Constituency and Assembly Constituencies, the polling personnel are well trained in efficient handling of EVMs and 'VVPAT Printers' and the electors are also fully conversant with the operation of the EVMs and the VVPAT Printers;

4. Now, therefore, the Election Commission of India, in exercise of its powers under the said Section 61A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and Rule 49A of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, hereby **specifies 04-Jalandhar (SC) Parliamentary Constituency in Punjab, 07-Jharsuguda Assembly Constituency of Odisha, 395-Chhanbey (SC) & 34-Suar Assembly Constituencies of Uttar Pradesh and 23-Sohiong (ST) Assembly Constituency of Meghalaya notified on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**, as the constituencies in which the votes, shall be given and recorded by means of EVMs and VVPAT printers in the manner prescribed, under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Election Commission from time to time on the subject.

5. The Election Commission also hereby approves the design of EVMs and VVPAT Printers as developed by the Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad, which shall be attached to the said machines, to be used for the giving and recording of votes in all the Constituencies.

By Order,  
(S.B.JOSHI)  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY